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Bleeding student unable to access busy phone line

*Residence manager blames
more Internet use for tie-up*

By Sara Maxim

An accident at the residence that required an emergency 911 call has raised some concerns at Rodeway Suites.

Tara Squire, a first-year woodworking technology student, was working on a project in her room at the residence when the hand chisel she was using slipped and cut her across the wrist.

Jill Wood, a first-year recreation-leadership student and her roommate Catherine MacLennan, a first-year nursing student, helped Squire when she came to their room after cutting herself.

MacLennan applied a dressing to Squire's wound while Wood tried to call 911.

To get an outside line at the residence, the number 9 must be dialed before the phone number.

When Wood dialed 9, she got a busy signal. There were no available phone lines out of the residence. Wood was forced to run downstairs from her second-floor room to the lobby where she used the pay phone to dial 911.

MacLennan said there had been a lot of trouble getting a line out of the building.

Paul Holowaty, general manager of Rodeway Suites, attributes the phone problems to increased Internet use at the residence.

There are 18 phone lines available at Rodeway Suites. Holowaty compared this number to the number at Durham College's residence. He said the Durham residence has the same number of residents but does not have as many phone lines.

Holowaty said the residence at Durham did not have a phone line problem but attributed that to the availability of the Internet to students at Durham College.

Holowaty is reluctant to try to limit Internet use at the residence because it will be difficult to establish new rules so late in the school year and because he doesn't want to tell students when, and for how long, they can use the phone lines.

Holowaty has posted signs asking students to be considerate when using the phone lines. Since Squire's accident, he has also posted signs advising students to dial 0 for the front desk in case of an emergency.

He said the front desk does not have a dedicated phone line and is just as likely to get a busy signal.

Holowaty said he is looking into either digital lines or The Wave, an Internet service provided by Rogers Cablesystems, that does not use the phone lines, as a solution to the Internet problem.

However, both these options would take time to install and get operational. For this reason, these options would most likely be solutions for the next school year, he said.

In the meantime, Holowaty is looking at installing more phone lines. The current phone system software in use at the residence is five years old and can only support one more phone line. In order to install new phone lines, Holowaty would first have to update the system at a cost of approximately \$2,000.

On top of that, the cost to install each new phone line is \$140; the maintenance fee on each line is \$55.

Holowaty said he would like to have at least seven more phone lines available at the residence. But, including the maintenance cost for the two remaining months in the school year, the new lines would cost nearly \$4,000.

To install these new phone lines for the current school year would mean students living in the residence would have to pay about \$20 each on top of the fees they have already paid.

Holowaty said it would be easy to incorporate this fee increase for the next school year but felt students would not want to pay the extra money now when their fees have already been paid.

Even so, Holowaty said this problem must be addressed. The accident brought the problem to a head, he said, and they will look at a number of solutions that can be put in place this school year.

He stresses that in an emergency, students are never alone at the residence and that there is always someone there to help.

Squire was taken to Cambridge Memorial hospital where she received two stitches and was released.

My fellow Conestogans



Chief returning officer, Jason St. Amand, makes an introductory speech during the DSA candidate speeches Feb. 20. Seated, from left, vice-president of student affairs candidates Salman Tahir, Thomas Muller, and Jerry Cleves, Johanna Stevens, new vice-president of operations, Chris Kroeker, new DSA president and April-Dawn Blackwell, DSA president.

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(Photo by Ross McDermott)

Administration to recommend tuition increase of 10 per cent

By Jennifer Dougall

Conestoga's administration has decided to recommend to the board of governors that students' tuition be raised by 10 per cent, but will not implement differentiated fees for the 1997-98 school year.

College president John Tibbits and Kevin Mullan, vice-president of finance and administrative operations, made the announcement at the Doon Student Association executive meeting Feb. 18.

The decision follows the Ministry of Education's Feb. 5 announcement that the boards of governors at Ontario's colleges and universities would be allowed to increase tuition to a total of 10 per cent. Thirty per cent of any tuition increase would go to student aid.

Mullan said 10 per cent is not out-of-line with what potential students expect. Including the new technology enhancement fee, total fees are up 11 per cent, he said.

Mullan said in the past, when tuition fees were set, it was at a given amount. This year, there are broader guidelines.

The ministry gave colleges and universities two options, Mullan said.

One was to increase tuition up to 10 per cent and the other was to differentiate tuition fees by program.

There are many factors that will have to be looked at before the

college can set differentiated fees, Mullan said.

Even if there was a valid reason to differentiate fees, which programs would be affected would need to be determined.

Tibbits said there are many variables that would have to be looked at when determining which courses would be subject to differentiated fees, including starting salaries, the cost of delivering the program and the opportunities for employment upon graduating the program.

"How do you determine fairness?"

John Tibbits,
president, Conestoga College

"How do you determine fairness?" Tibbits asked the group.

He said the DSA would be involved with any decisions the administration made about differentiating fees. Mullan said if the college did not increase tuition, it would lose about six-and-a-half per cent for each student.

He said the province is taking four per cent from the \$700 million grants colleges and universities receive each year.

The money will stay in the post-secondary system, but will not be available for existing programs.

"We don't know what the four per cent means in detail,"

Tibbits said.

There will also be two-and-a-half per cent more students attending the college next year, Mullan said.

He said that when the government decreased grants by 15 per cent last year, the college was forced to put in changes, like the alternative-delivery programs, on a small scale.

If the school did not increase tuition, similar interventions would be required, he said.

The 10 per cent increase would keep the school in roughly the same position it is in now, Tibbits said. He said people have to measure the approximately \$100 fee increase against the quality of the school.

If they froze the fees, he asked, how would they maintain equipment?

"It's not time to nickel and dime it," Tibbits said.

Mullan said the Ministry of Education's announcements of tuition changes usually come in October or November. This time, they had fewer than 26 days to respond.

Tibbits said today's students are caught in a time of change. In the '60s, people believed everyone had a right to education. Now, he said, it is seen as a user-pay system where students are made to bear the costs.

Tibbits said, as a parent paying for his children to go to post-secondary schooling, "It does hurt a little bit."

Student given chance to pass journalism course

By Ross McDermott

An appeal filed by a former journalism student who failed the Journalism 5 magazine-writing course is now in the first stage, said Sharon Dietz, the instructor of the course last semester.

Nicole Guitard, who still attends classes at Conestoga but in no specific program, filed the appeal with the dean of applied arts and technology, Joe Martin, in January.

Guitard was a member of an entire class of first-year journalism students who failed the course taught by Dietz last semester.

The course required students to write three types of magazine articles: a personality profile article, an historical article, and an issue article.

Of the 14 students who started out in the course, Guitard was the only class member to complete all the assignments but she still failed the course.

Dietz said Martin instructed her that the first stage of the appeal process involves the student and the teacher sitting down and trying to work something out.

As a result, Dietz offered Guitard a one-month extension to complete a rewrite of the final assignment. She had until today (March 10) to hand in the rewrite and if she failed to do so, the F would remain on her transcript, Dietz said.

"I made my offer based on consultations with faculty and Joe Martin," Dietz said.

She said she made the suggestion to Guitard in order to give her an opportunity to bring her story up to "publishable standards" and in doing so, receive a passing mark.

"When I asked her if that was suitable she said it wasn't because she didn't think she should have to do any more work on the story," said Dietz.

"She felt she had done enough and that it was worth a pass. In my opinion it's not."

Guitard said she didn't know if she was going to do the rewrite because she didn't feel she could do it the way Dietz wanted it done.

Her article deals with the possible merger between the public and school libraries in the city of Stratford and the town of Mitchell and Guitard said Dietz wanted her to get a person in the article to go on record and say that the mergers would save money.

Guitard said that because it's a touchy situation in both the municipalities, it's difficult to get someone to make that statement; however, if she didn't, she said, she believed she would fail.

"That's what has come across to me — that's the way I've taken it," she said.

She said there are other mistakes in the article that have to be corrected but Dietz has emphasized this missing statement.

"That's what she's been telling me to get and that's what I've been trying to get," she said.

"The only way I could get what she wants is to make it up, and there is no way I'm going to do that," Guitard said. "I guess I'm just going to have to accept

the F."

Dietz said Guitard hasn't talked to all of the sources. "I'm trying to push her to do the story and she's very timid about approaching the sources and that's part of the problem," said Dietz.

She said the problem is not just the missing fact about the merger of the libraries saving money. "There are other things about the story that have to be changed and improved," said Dietz.

"Basically, what it comes down to is she has just not met the requirements of the course to earn a passing grade.

"Part of the problem is I can't give her a passing mark on that story unless it's publishable," she said.

The question of publishable standards has raised some concern with another student who was in the Journalism 5 class last semester.

Andrea Bailey, a second-year journalism student, was also a student in the class.

Bailey dropped out of the course after Dietz told her that she could not pass and should concentrate on her other subjects.

While still in the class, Bailey wrote an article profiling Boyd Devereaux, a member of the gold-medal-winning Canadian junior hockey team. The story was failed by Dietz and deemed as unpublishable.

Bailey took the same article to the Huron Expositor, a newspaper in Seaford, and the story was published in a Jan. 8 issue.

"After the last draft of the story I went to see her (Dietz) to see what she thought," Bailey said. "She said I still needed more sources."

At that time, Bailey said, she had the required five sources for the story, which included Devereaux's guidance counsellor in high school, the assistant coach and the captain of the Kitchener Rangers' hockey team, and a public-relations representative for the National Hockey League's Edmonton Oilers.

"I think I went beyond the limits to get the sources," she said.

Bailey said she was talking to Dietz about the article and was informed that she wouldn't pass if she handed the article in as it was.

"I was sick of submitting it by then because it was my fourth try. I asked her if I was to submit it to any papers, did she think they would run it. She said 'no.'"

Dietz said there are various requirements for publishable standards and explained that different editors have different requirements for different stories. She said she was following standards according to course guidelines of what is publishable.

"What is defined as publishable in Journalism 5 is determined by what the course requirements are," Dietz said.

She said perhaps the word publishable is misleading. "What I should be saying is the stories didn't meet the course requirements," she said.

Dietz said just because a story doesn't pass in Journalism 5, doesn't mean it couldn't be published somewhere else "because their criteria is different."

Walk Safe volunteers revive program

By Colleen Cassidy

The Walk Safe program has started up again.

The safety program, in which student volunteers walk other students or faculty members to their cars between 6:30 and 10:30 p.m., had its new start on Feb. 20.

Cliff Clark, a part-time law enforcement and investigation student and one of the volunteers for the first evening of Walk Safe, said the program is operating again because more people have offered to help run it.

Clark said the program will run Monday through Thursday. It won't be operating on Friday because it's difficult to get people who want to take a shift then. A lot of people go home for the weekend.

On Friday the college is almost vacant before it starts getting dark. The service isn't really needed

then, he said.

He said in the past, when Walk Safe was operating, people started asking for assistance at about 9 p.m.

Amanda White, a first-year law and security student, is happy to see Walk Safe operating again but is concerned it isn't being used as much as she would like it to be. People look at the Walk Safe sign and head to their cars alone, she said.

She said part of the problem getting volunteers might be that people become aware of Walk Safe after they've planned their schedules when they start college. It might be an idea to send volunteer questionnaires out with the college registration forms, she said.

If people are interested in volunteering, they can incorporate their volunteer time into their schedules and the organizers of Walk Safe will have a better idea of how

many people will be able to help with the program for the next year.

Right now, there are enough people to make the program work smoothly, but volunteers are always needed, White said.

The volunteers alternate nights. It's not always the same people working, and they guide people to their cars in teams of two, she said. Students from any program can volunteer, White said.

Jason Martin, a second-year materials-management student, said he started volunteering because there wasn't much he was interested in becoming involved with at the college, but thought the Walk Safe program was a good idea for people who don't feel comfortable walking alone in the dark.

People who are interested in volunteering for Walk Safe can contact April-Dawn Blackwell at the DSA office.

Picture perfect



Chris Watson, a third-year materials management student, surveys the photographs being sold by Rock Classics in the Sanctuary Feb. 19.
(Photo by Wendy Cummins)

Business enrolment up by 10 per cent this year

By Jennifer Dougall

Enrolment in the school of business increased by about 130 students in the last 12 months, a 10 per cent increase over the previous numbers, said Bill Easdale, vice president of business.

Final applications were up 18.1 per cent, highest in the college system, to 4,213 students applying for a business program last year.

The total enrolment for the school of business is 1,372, an all-time high, Easdale said.

Easdale said the figures show two things. The first is that there is a demand for business education in the community.

"The population sure hasn't grown by 18.1 per cent."

He said it goes hand-in-hand with the image of the college, which has risen substantially in the past few years.

For September 1997, the college

plans to increase business enrolment by seven per cent, Easdale said.

Food and beverage management's class size will increase to 90 from 60 students this year.

The computer programmer analyst program will increase its numbers to 90 from 60.

In January 1996, the school of business began its first January intake.

The course begins as a general business program and runs through the summer.

The following September, the students can choose a specific business course and join the regular-stream students.

This year, 61 per cent of the students said they would like to go into another business program.

Forty-nine students took part, up from 17 in 1996.

Easdale expects the numbers to keep increasing.

Posters stolen during sale in Sanctuary

By Wendy Cummins

A Kitchener picture company had posters stolen during its visit to the Sanctuary on Feb. 18.

Rock Classics employee Steve Hansen said he was unsure of the exact number of pictures that were stolen but he believed it to be around four or five.

One of those stolen was of the band Bush X, he said.

The pictures were hung in the hall outside the Sanctuary as a way of gaining better exposure.

Hansen said it is like leaving

something on the street; you don't expect it to be there in the morning.

"We expect it to happen sometimes," he said.

Jeff Blake, owner of Rock Classics said they try to hang the pictures in high traffic areas so people can see them.

Blake also said Conestoga is not the first college they have visited where they have had the pictures stolen.

"That is a risk I take," he said.

The company was at the college selling pictures Feb. 18 and 19.

Action!



Clockwise from top, Mike Heenan, Ian Borutskie, Kris Ferguson, and Roger Wardell, all second-year broadcasting students, tape a recreation of a Tide commercial for their electronic news-gathering class. (Photo by Trish Jackson)

Guelph campus

Welding student recognized with Gooderham bursary

By Ellen Douglas

On Monday, Feb. 17, at Conestoga's Guelph campus, a welding-engineering technology student received one of four Gooderham Bursaries awarded in Canada this year.

Kent Johnson won the \$1,000 award which was sponsored and administered by the Canadian Welding Bureau (CWB) and its board of directors.

A letter from the CWB to Hans Zawada, the chair of the school of technology, trades and apprenticeship at the Guelph Campus, states the bursary "is awarded to students who obtain an excellent academic record and demonstrate a desire to pursue a career in the welding fabricating industry."

Douglas Luciani, the CWB regional manager of certification services for Ontario west, presented the award. He said he is a big supporter of welding in Canada.

He added he is happy that Conestoga is putting out such high-quality welders into the workforce.

Johnson said he is happy to have won the award, although, he hadn't given it much thought after applying for it in October.

According to the letter, the Gooderham Bursary is awarded to a maximum of five students each year.

The students must be in their final year of a two- or three-year welding program.

Johnson is in his second year of the two-year welding-engineering technology program.

According to the application form, another requirement of the bursary is a 1,000-word technical essay.

It must be on a welding topic of the applicant's choice or on the effect of current economic conditions in Canada on the welding fabricating industry.

Johnson's essay was on TIG welding or gas-tungsten arc welding.

Luciani said he was very impressed with the essay.

The application also required that Johnson submit recommendations from staff members at

the college.

Johnson said he likes welding because it is technical and hands on and not overly theoretical.

"When I started I wasn't sure I was going to like it," he said. "Then after the first two months I really began to enjoy it. I'm glad I took this step."

Johnson now works at Kyjo Steel, a local company, but he said he is moving to Windsor in the summer because "there is a lot of work in welding there."

He said he got interested in welding because his father is in the business. "Dad is more into the sales end of the business."

Johnson said he wants to follow in his father's footsteps and go into technical sales one day.

"I like the person-to-person aspect of that type of work," he said.

"I'd like to thank my dad for all his assistance," said Johnson, who hopes he can work with him one day.

"I'd also like to thank the staff at Conestoga for being so helpful," he said.

New student e-mail addresses protected by personal ID numbers

By Rick Kew

Beginning in September 1997, as one of the benefits from the technology-enhancement fee, Conestoga will provide Doon Student Association members with e-mail addresses.

The confidentiality of information located at these addresses will be protected by personal identification numbers, separate from student numbers, said Kevin Mullan, director of finance for Conestoga, following the student information forum held Feb. 12.

Bruce Phillips, Canada's privacy commissioner, stated in his annual report, dated July 1996, concerning Internet privacy: "Your choice of chat groups and your messages can be monitored and a profile assembled by anyone, including police; some Web sites monitor your visits."

Phillips also stated in his report that sending e-mail is not like making a telephone call; it's more like broadcasting and we should have few expectations of privacy.

Greg Hebert, a spokesman for Net World Online, a Cambridge Internet service provider (ISP), said e-mail and other information is sent via the Internet in packets

of information, which take a path, passing through several different servers before reaching their destinations.

Hebert said the potential exists to copy the information before the packet is sent to the next server on the path.

"The Net resides everywhere; it has no headquarters and no one is in charge. That is the power — and its challenge to privacy."

Bruce Phillips,
Canada's privacy commissioner

During the Gulf War, he said, the Americans found out hackers were tampering with military messages, forcing them to create a secure route for their communications.

"But", Hebert said, "no one can actually get mail at your address unless they know your user name and password."

The exception to this, he said, is anyone who has "root access" to a server's information

storage area.

System administrators and other employees of an ISP would have root access, to keep the system working smoothly, he said, but they are too busy to read someone's mail.

"It's an ethical issue," said Hebert.

"Hackers aren't that smart," he said. "They usually have a number (identification or PIN) that they have obtained by other means, which allows them access to computer systems."

The book, *The Cyberthief and the Samurai*, by journalist Jeff Goodell, details the chase and capture of Kevin Mitnick, who is called the world's most wanted hacker.

It states several times that Mitnick obtained passwords by "social engineering"; he did this by tricking people into revealing their passwords, not by using computer expertise.

The privacy commissioner's annual report also stated: "Messages can be routed around the world to reach across town and seldom travel the same route twice. The Net resides nowhere and everywhere; it has no headquarters and no one is in charge. That is its power — and its challenge to privacy."

Women's group plans event for International Women's Day

By Wendy Cummins

The women's resource group developed a panel of guest speakers for their International Women's Day celebrations, during their meeting Feb. 18.

The group plans to bring back four alumnae members of the college to honor women, not only in the community, but throughout the world.

Entitled "Celebrating our own", the event will take place in the Sanctuary on March 18 between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Audience members will be able to participate in discussions with the guests after the speeches are completed.

Among the guest speakers are: Angie Hill, Kool FM radio host and former Conestoga journalism graduate; Laura Nahls, a 1995 journalism graduate, freelance writer and volunteer with the Conestoga alumni association;

Wendy Spiegelberg, who graduated from nursing in 1984 and returned to Conestoga as a member of faculty in the ambulance and emergency care program.

One of the most recent graduates to speak will be Lisa McChesney, who will graduate from the robotics and animation program in June, and is currently on a field placement.

She will talk to the college about her experience since leaving the college.

She developed a product for Lear Seating Inc.

International Women's Day stems from an uprising in Petrograd, Russia.

Women textile workers chose March 8, 1917, to strike against having to work in unskilled jobs for 11 to 12 hours and then go home and do housework as well; they also brought in other women factory workers.

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TicketMaster's wristband policy unfair for fans

It is always hard to get tickets to popular concerts. It's a fact of life. If you want to ensure you get tickets, you camp out overnight, you wait in line, you frantically re-dial. It's a challenge, and the tickets are the reward for hard work. If it were easy there would be no hype, no pre-concert excitement.



But now TicketMaster has announced plans to change all this. The company has adopted a new method for selling tickets to popular concerts. It's called the random-wristband policy.

It works like this: TicketMaster announces a time and date when wristbands are available. But, instead of wristband number one getting the first chance at tickets, it is a randomly picked wristband number that moves to the beginning of the line. So, even if you rush down to a TicketMaster outlet to ensure you get a good spot in line, it won't matter, because any number, even 497, could be first.

What TicketMaster was hoping to accomplish was a fairer way of selling tickets. "Everybody has an equal chance to be at the beginning of the line," said Patti Babin, TicketMaster's director of publicity.

What TicketMaster has really managed to do is to take all the fun and fairness out of ticket sales.

Take this situation for instance: Person A, a true fan, arrives at a TicketMaster outlet hours before tickets go on sale. Person B, who doesn't even really like the band, wanders in days later and decides to pick up a wristband anyway.

Now if things were fair, the true fan — the one who put in the effort — should have first crack at the tickets.

But if all goes according to TicketMaster, Person B could end up front row centre, and Person A could end up desperately dealing with a scalper.

Babin said TicketMaster's wristband policy was also an attempt to keep scalpers from buying all the best tickets by hiring homeless people and street kids to stand in line for them.

The wristband policy won't foil scalpers. It will make it easier for them. Now, all they need to do is hire a bunch of people to get wristbands in a variety of numbers at a variety of locations and they've almost guaranteed themselves the best tickets.

Besides, if the scalpers are smart enough to get someone to go and get their butt in line first thing, then maybe their efforts deserve the tickets. Fair is fair. There is no reason that fans couldn't get in line before the scalpers.

Since when did it become OK to reward those who dilly dally?

First-come, first-serve, is the only fair way to sell tickets. TicketMaster's random wristband policy is entirely too random.

Well, at least TicketMaster has still left the phone lines as fair game — for now.

Since when did it become okay to reward those who dilly dally?



Mud-slinging MPs acting like children

The House of Commons, Parliament, the House, question period, the Federal Government of Canada: all phrases or words that should give rise to feelings of respect for the Dominion of Canada and its government.



But with the recent mud-slinging, this time by Minister of Defence Doug Young and Reform MP Deborah Grey, question period in the House of Commons is beginning to resemble a grade-school playground.

It would be unfair to say MPs accomplish nothing of value during question period, as it would be unrealistic not to expect MPs' emotions to heat-up from time to time.

However, even though MPs are protected from libel and slander charges while

speaking in the House, should they be given the right — or more importantly, given their positions of trust — should they even take the opportunity to attack an individual's appearance, demeanor or body?

Grey, for example, was accused of assault in 1995 by Liberal MP Pierrette Ringuette-Maltis, who filed a formal complaint in the House, after Grey grabbed her arm, during a heated discussion.

Yes, apologies have been made: Prime Minister Chretien tells the nation his minister of defence did say some inappropriate things to the Reform MP and everyone is sorry.

But then, like a recalcitrant child caught swearing on the playground, he tries to rationalize and justify the bad behavior, by making sure the past crimes of opposition MPs are mixed in with the apology.

"Grey called Liberals 'porkers'," said Chretien, adding, "sometimes they are

not very nice to us."

Young has not yet made a face-to-face apology to Grey and is not likely to do so, such is the pseudo-civilized manner in which our Parliament is run.

And Grey, for her part, is making "political hay", as the wronged victim, or so she thinks.

If this is how our elected officials believe they must behave in order to defend their beliefs, what must they think of the electorate at large?

Not many people in this land would put up with the abuses MPs subject each other to. In fact, not many people would allow their children to treat each other the way our MPs treat each other.

If the highest elected authority in Canada, our Parliament, continues to condone this behavior, then we should soon expect the singing of O Canada in the House to be replaced by the children's chant "sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me."

Tough times are a test for our generation

Open up any paper, watch the nightly news or listen to the radio and invariably there will be a story about protesters angry about cuts made by the Harris government.

But it could take several days of hard searching to find just one story about people pleased with Harris.

Why? Is the public simply voicing their unanimous disapproval of the provincial government?

Hardly. At last count, the Harris government was enjoying a 44 per cent approval rating.

But every time the government decides to make a move, there are special interest groups complaining about unfair treatment.

The fact is hard times call for hard measures, and the Harris government is just doing what they said they would do



— bringing the deficit under control.

The cuts in Ontario are not new ideas; in fact, they are quite similar to the policies in New Zealand and, closer to home, in Alberta.

Andrew Coyne, in an article in the Feb. 17 edition of the London Free Press, states that the Alberta deficit was at \$3.4 billion in 1993, before Premier Ralph Klein unveiled his plan to cut 20 per cent from spending.

As is usual for Canada, the critics complained how the cuts would hurt the economy (much like in Ontario today).

Fast forward to 1997 and the results are overwhelming. Alberta now has a surplus of \$2.2 billion and Klein has two-thirds of Albertans giving him support.

According to Coyne, during the same period Klein was reducing the Alberta deficit, the NDP were busy tripling Ontario's. But the well has run dry and the money has stopped flowing. It is now time to tighten our belts and get things back under control.

Perhaps it's just a telling sign of the hedonistic lifestyle North Americans have become accustomed to. We want life to be enjoyable, but don't like enduring hardships.

Collectively, we seem to have forgotten that we live in the best country in the world and act like everything is falling apart whenever the government tries to control the burgeoning debt.

But generations have had to endure tough times before (the Great Depression for example) and have survived.

In fact, those people who rallied to endure tough times seem to have become more understanding and don't make a fuss at every change — probably because they can remember when life was much worse than it is today.

As the German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche wrote, "That which does not kill us, makes us stronger."

Not that hardships are necessary, but the way we deal with them is the true test of our society's moral fibre.

STUDENT LIFE

Condor Roost needs change, students say

By Wendy Cummins

Opinion seems to indicate the Condor Roost may see increased business if it developed some sort of smoking policy and possibly advertise within the college more.

At present the Condor Roost, located at the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre, does not allow smoking because it is located on school premises.

Agnes Wyrzykowska, a first-year business administration marketing student and recreation centre employee, said although she knows smoking is out, because the campus bar is located on school property, she thinks more people would go to the Condor Roost if smoking was allowed.

She also suggested they have customer requests for music and possibly lunch specials.

"A lot of students go out after school and don't spend time here afterwards," she said.

First-year law and security administration student Mario Georghiades agreed smoking should be permitted at the bar.

"Eighty per cent of people that go up there smoke," he said.

The Condor Roost lacks a pub atmosphere and is more like walking into another classroom, he said. "They should try to make it more appealing to students."

Natalie Stajduhar, a second-year law and security administration student said smoking would definitely make a difference.



Agnes Wyrzykowska



Tony Divito



Natalie Stajduhar



Sandi Stanovie



Mario Georghiades



Jim Fair

She said she also feels it is a long walk for students when it is cold outside.

"We didn't know last year that it was a bar until somebody told us."

Natalie Stajduhar
second-year LASA student

She also suggested advertising in the school could help.

"We didn't know last year that it was a bar until somebody told us."

Sandi Stanovie, also a second-year law and security administration student, said if she knew more about the Condor Roost and knew what was going on there she may go.

"They should promote their positive aspects," she said. "It is part of

how you view college life. For me that is not part of it but, for some that is."

Many students approached did not know what or where the Condor Roost was.

Jim Fair, a first-year electrical engineering technician student said he didn't even know what it was. "Is it a bar?" he said.

Fair said to get him to visit the Condor Roost, "they would have to offer happy hour, especially after exam week."

He also suggested they change the smoking policy as he said smoking and drinking go together. "Who wants to drink and not smoke?" he said.

Tony Divito, a first-year mechanical engineering student, asked "What is the Condor Roost?" and said this is his second year at the college and he has never been there, although he has heard about it.

"I am not much of a drinker and I am busy here at school," he said. "If I had time to kill and a bunch of guys were going up there,

I'd go."

Divito suggested they bring the bar right into the college if they want to see increased business.

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Future DSA president says student involvement declining

By Tony Kobilnyk

Interest and involvement in student activities and issues seems to be declining, said future DSA president Chris Kroeker.

Kroeker, who was appointed to the presidency because no other students ran for the position, estimated about 20 per cent fewer students attended the candidate speeches this year as compared to last year.

"But last year, we had at least two people running for each position," Kroeker said.

Thomas Muller, candidate for vice-president of student affairs, said those students who were at the speeches seemed interested but he would have liked a larger turnout.

Kroeker said he didn't know why students are showing a lack of interest in events, but did offer some possible reasons.

"Conestoga is a commuter college, so people come to school, fulfil their work requirement and then go home," he said.

Muller said he thinks that by the time students arrive at college many are only interested in completing their program.

"A friend of mine said he has been in school for so long he doesn't really care about activities, he just wants to finish," he said.

Heavy workloads and commitments outside of the college were also cited as possible reasons by Kroeker. He said that mature students may be reluctant to get involved in activities because they think they are for younger students.

"It seems like students don't care until they see the money coming out of their wallets."

Thomas Muller
DSA promotions assistant

"We're trying to have events suitable for all ages," Kroeker said referring to the Yuk Yuk's dinner show which was held in the Sanctuary on Jan. 30. He said about 80 people of all ages attended. The involvement of class representatives was lower

this year than last year said Kroeker. He said some class reps started off strong, but their attendance at meetings became scarcer as the semester progressed, probably because of heavy workloads.

The technology fee information session held in the Sanctuary was also a disappointment for Kroeker.

"People didn't seem interested," he said. "About four or five people went up to ask questions after the presentation, but only one person asked a question during it."

Muller said he too felt the session didn't accomplish its goal of informing students and getting feedback on the new fee.

"It seems like students don't care until they see the money coming out of their wallets," Muller said.

Muller mentioned the student forum held in December of last year where students could address college President John Tibbits about any issue or concern. Muller said only about 40 students in total attended the two sessions.

"Out of 5,000 students, that's not a great turnout," he said.



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STUDENT LIFE

Waterloo campus hosts international English test



LEARNING ENGLISH — Mairin Dormer leads an International English Language Testing System training workshop at the Waterloo campus Feb. 21.
(Photo by Tim Kylie)

By Tim Kylie

A well-known and respected English test was administered at Conestoga's Waterloo campus Feb. 20.

Nineteen people from across North America travelled to Waterloo to take part in the International English Language Testing System test, which determines if participants meet the standards for English competency set by Cambridge University.

Each candidate sends the results to the institution of his or her choice, said Sherley Loucks of academic assessment and special projects.

Some students take the test for non-educational purposes, she added.

Conestoga is currently the only approved testing site for the IELTS test in North America, said Sharon Kalbfleisch, dean of academic assessment and special projects.

"Their plan is to expand into the United States and Canada, but presently anyone who wants to take the test in all of North America has to come here," she said.

Four doctors from the University of Ohio took the test, Kalbfleisch said.

She said the British medical council requires anyone studying or practising medicine in Britain to take the test, even if they are native speakers. Another candidate came from Edmonton, she said.

Loucks said she was busy right until the night before the test finalizing the list of candidates. She received phone mail requesting an opportunity to take the test from the five final candidates that morning.

Mairin Dormer, a freelance English instructor from London, England, came to help administer the test and to train Canadian teachers in the IELTS procedure.

Kalbfleisch said Dormer had

recently done training in Hong Kong.

"Yesterday went off without too many hitches," said Kalbfleisch, addressing a group of language teachers participating in an IELTS workshop Feb. 21. "Thank heavens that Mairin was here."

Dormer said she was enjoying her time in Canada, but was puzzled by Kitchener-Waterloo's unseasonably warm weather. "I packed a lot of sweaters," she said.

George Urdosy, who works with language training in the school of Applied Science and Engineering at the University of Toronto, said IELTS is a better indicator of English than other testing systems because it tests for four language skills: listening, speaking, writing, and reading.

Urdosy's University of Toronto colleague said the two men were asked to participate in the IELTS workshop because some of the university's 55,000 students might need to take the test.

Day-care centre has peanut-free environment

By Lynne Thompson

Recently, the debate over whether or not schools should have a peanut-free environment has been making news across the region.

Conestoga's day-care centre has not been involved in this debate. According to day-care team leader Maria Roberts, the centre brought its no-peanut policy into effect five years ago and has not changed it since.

Roberts said the reason the centre decided to ban peanuts so many years before the issue was such a hot topic was because it had a child with a peanut allergy.

"Based on the medical information we had, we were led to the conclusion that we would become a peanut-free centre. This is a life-threatening allergy and is therefore

not negotiable," said Roberts.

An article which appeared in the Kitchener-Waterloo Record in February said three children a year in Ontario die from allergic reactions to food.

It is believed this number could possibly be higher because some deaths are not reported as allergic reactions to food.

Roberts said the day-care policy of using ingredients which do not contain peanuts or peanut oil has not upset parents.

The reason for the parents' acceptance, Roberts believes, is that the day care provides a full lunch and two snacks a day for the children.

Parents are not required to provide their children with food.

Although children are permitted to bring their own snacks to the day care, all food is carefully

checked for peanuts. If any are found, the food is put away and a note is sent home to parents reminding them of the policy, said Roberts.

If a child with an allergy was to eat food which resulted in a reaction, the day-care staff can administer the proper medication if the parents have signed a permission form and left the medication at the day care.

For children with peanut allergies, Epipen, which is given

through a needle in the thigh, would be required to counteract the allergy, said Roberts.

Thus far, however, none of the staff members has needed to give medication for a peanut reaction.

The children themselves have no problem with the policy.

"The children are aware of who has an allergy. They are given instructions and they understand and are supportive of the children with allergies.

"They know, for example, who

can and cannot have milk," said Roberts.

Although the day care probably wouldn't have brought in the no-peanut policy five years ago if it had not had a child with the allergy, said Roberts, its staff is glad they did.

"It's a proactive stance. It's very reassuring for parents because they know if their child had an allergy we would be proactive with them too. I think it's very supportive for parents."

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STUDENT LIFE

Teacher dominates lunch-hour chess matches

By Bryce Wilson

A professor of mechanical engineering at Conestoga played approximately 25 games of chess during lunch hour in the cafeteria Feb. 19.

Stelian George-Cosh played up to 11 students simultaneously in a tournament that saw him lose only two games.

George-Cosh, who moved to Canada from Romania in 1981, said he has been playing chess since he was 12 years old and earned a scholarship for his last two years at university playing on the chess team.

He was a professional player for four or five years between 1968-73, winning a match at the provincial level.

He said he no longer has enough time to play and estimates he is only half as strong a player as he once was.

"If you don't practice you lose it, like anything else."

George-Cosh plays in the simultaneous chess matches about twice a year to raise interest in the game and to let students know about the chess club at the college.

George-Cosh said he feels chess is a mental game that will improve a player's memory, logic and overall intelligence.

He said it only takes him about one second to look at a board and decide on a move.

"I'm not a genius," he said. "Imagine that you play something very well, so patterns will form in your mind and it's easy to apply some simple rules."

George-Cosh said he usually loses one or two games during a simultaneous match, but losing gives him hope that the game will continue.

"I'm really glad when they win," he said.

The level of competition in Canada cannot compare with Eastern Europe, he said, where he estimates chess is as popular as

soccer is in Canada.

He said chess is time-consuming and difficult to play, when first learning, and students are too busy doing other things.

He said it is better to learn to play chess when young, because the game helps to build self-confidence and improve a child's entire development.

Wayne D'Mello, a first-year nursing student, was one of only two people to beat George-Cosh.

D'Mello said he probably wouldn't have won if he was playing an individual match against George-Cosh.

However, he added, luck is a big factor when playing chess.

Valentin Tudor, a third-year robotics and automation student, was the only other winner and said he played to a draw against George-Cosh last year.

"I was lucky today," he said.

Although luck is a factor in chess, said George-Cosh, "luck is not enough to win."



CHECKMATE — Stelian George-Cosh, who teaches mechanical engineering at Conestoga, plays several students simultaneously Feb. 19.
(Photo by Bryce Wilson)

Limited lab access angers student

By Bob Puersten

She is, by outward appearances, an average Conestoga student. And, by her own admission, she's angry.

Wendy Lang, a third-year business-administration marketing student, said she's upset that part-time students will not have access to an Internet computer lab which will be available in the fall.

Lang said that Conestoga has been promising Internet access "for a few years" and that current access to the Internet, in the Owen Lackenbauer Literacy Lab, is limited, given that the present lab's focus is tutoring software.

Lang, who will be a part-time student in the fall, is taking a non-credit knowledge course on using the Internet, which started in mid-January.

She also took a similar course which was offered in the fall of 1996 to learn about the new technology and so she could have access to the Internet for school projects when access became available, said Lang.

According to information provided by the DSA, the Internet computer lab is a joint venture between the college and the student association as a way to speed up students' access to technology. Because the lab is being provided by the DSA, it will only be available to the association's members — full-time students.

Teachers will expect students to have access to the Internet because the service is available, said Lang, and so the lack of access for part-time students will put them at a disadvantage compared to their full-time counterparts.

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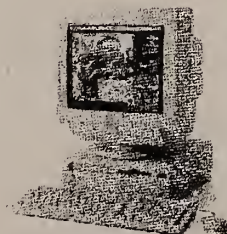
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STUDENT LIFE

New vice-president of operations enjoys prospect of busy schedule

By Ross McDermott

Johanna Stevens, a first-year business-administration student says she likes to be kept busy. That's why she said she believes the position of DSA vice-president of operations is the perfect job for her.

"When I'm at home I don't do anything anyway, so it seems like a waste of time. Now, I'll have this to fill it in. I love it."

Stevens, who also works part-time at the Business Depot on Courtland Avenue in Kitchener, said she is looking forward to the responsibilities of the position.

She takes over the job from the current vice-president of operations, Krista Ogg, in May.

Stevens said she was attracted to the job because she discovered being involved with DSA activities is fun.

"I'm a DSA representative and I'm on the board of directors and it just seems that they (DSA executives) have so much fun."

She said she has strong organizational skills, which was part of the criteria for the job.

Being involved in activities is something Stevens said she likes,

and she hopes to get more students involved.

"I'm only in first year right now and I know how much fun I've had," she said. "I want people to have fun in college, not just come to school, do the work and go home."

As far as objectives go, Stevens said she hopes to maintain the work that has already been done.

"I want people to have fun in college, not just come to school, do the work and go home."

*Johanna Stevens
vice-president
of student operations*

"Basically, all I really want to do is follow in the footsteps of Krista Ogg because she's done a great job with everything."

However, one thing Stevens said she hopes to be able to improve is the speed with which students who opt out of the DSA drug plan are reimbursed.

"I know it's a lot of work signing every single cheque, but I'll do my best to get them out."

She said last year students had to wait too long for the cheques and she hopes to be able to improve on that.

She also plans to work with the vice-president of student affairs as much as possible and try to get students more involved in issues and activities at the college.

Stevens said she realizes that with the new position of vice-president of operations she won't have much spare time.

"The way things are going right now I'll probably just go home and sleep."

But, she said, when she does get some free time she loves driving. "I love going out and test driving cars. Anything to do with cars impresses me."

Stevens said she doesn't know where this fascination with cars comes from. "Nobody in my family is really involved in cars."

She does, however, take care of all the cars in her family. She said she makes sure her own car, as well as her sister's and her mother's is mechanically sound.

"I'd like to learn more about the



THE NEW VP — Johanna Stevens, the new DSA vice-president of operations, speaks to students during the candidates speeches Feb. 20.
(Photo by Ross McDermott)

mechanical side of cars," she said. After graduation, Stevens said she knows exactly what she wants to do.

She is already enrolled in a certificate in management program.

"I'll only have to take two courses after college to get that designation," she said.

She said she is currently looking

into employment for the summer of 1998 at a hotel in the Caribbean.

"Eventually, when I'm old and gray, I'd love to own a hotel. But that's going to take a while."

Stevens said she is also interested in attending university to acquire a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Graduate advises students to choose wisely

By Bob Puersten

A graduate of Conestoga's electromechanical technician (robotics) program says that the choices you make about the program you take, and while in school, could mean the difference between getting a job or not.

Chris Freeth has learned that lesson the hard way. Freeth, 29, had been unemployed since late-November 1994.

It was only in late February of this year that Freeth started to work again. He found a job at

Glegg Water Conditioning in Guelph.

The 1989 graduate of the robotics program suggests that students should get as wide an education as possible, learn more than what their course teaches them, and keep ahead of the game.

Freeth, as an example, upon finding out that he would be learning to work on Autocad 9 in the fall, taught himself the computer-drafting program over the summer.

Freeth said that the choices students make while in school can

make the difference between whether or not they get a job upon graduating.

If offered the choice between a technologist and a technician, choose the technologist.

And, if you are in a technician

program that gives you an option to certify, take the option, he said.

The latter is something Freeth wished he'd known before graduation.

Freeth had often been passed over for jobs, either because

he lacked certification or because the company hiring preferred a technologist over a technician.

"It could be the deciding factor between getting a job or not," said Freeth.

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STUDENT LIFE

Coach approaches 20 years in soccer program

By Colleen Cassidy

Of all the changes at the college since Duane Shadd started working at Conestoga 18 years ago, the one he regrets most is the disappearance of the "vida de par cour", a fitness trail that meandered through the bush near the recre-

ation centre.

Shadd, a support faculty member, said there used to be stations and fitness equipment at strategic places on the trail people could incorporate as part of their exercise regime.

That was before the Ministry of Transportation realized half the

bush belonged to the province when Conestoga College Boulevard was built.

The ministry designated its property by building a fence through the woods. After the fence was built, people stopped using the trails.

Most of the trees have since been cut down, but some of the old fitness equipment is still in what's left of the bush, Shadd said.

Shadd started at the college as an athletic technician in August 1979, before the recreation complex was built. Ground was broken for the recreation centre in September 1979.

"Basically, my job was counting shirts and blowing up basketballs," Shadd said.

He applied for employment at the college in 1978 but was not hired.

"I knew I wanted to work at the college, so I tried again and got the job," he said.

Before starting to work at the college, Shadd was an inspector at Uniroyal earning \$9 an hour. His starting salary at Conestoga was \$4.50 an hour.

"I took a big chance. I had a wife and one-and-a-half children, but my wife and I talked and agreed it was a best for me to do the kind of work I wanted to do. It was one step back and two steps ahead," he said.

When Shadd started at the college, many of the classes were held in portable classrooms. Even the college president had his office in a portable.

Since he's worked at the college, Shadd has had a variety of jobs and job descriptions.

He's done every kind of job at the recreation centre except maintenance.

He took over as coordinator of the recreation leadership program while the full-time coordinator was on a four-month sabbatical. He taught a program planning course to social services students.

He taught fitness classes to law and security students.

Shadd said one of the most popular courses he has taught is wellness, the better you.

He said the course is designed to teach students how to use their minds and bodies together to achieve what they want.

Shadd has also been the assistant soccer coach since he started at

the college.

"When I was hired I was told I had to become involved in a varsity sport.

After looking at the expectations for the different sports I decided on soccer, because it had the shortest season.

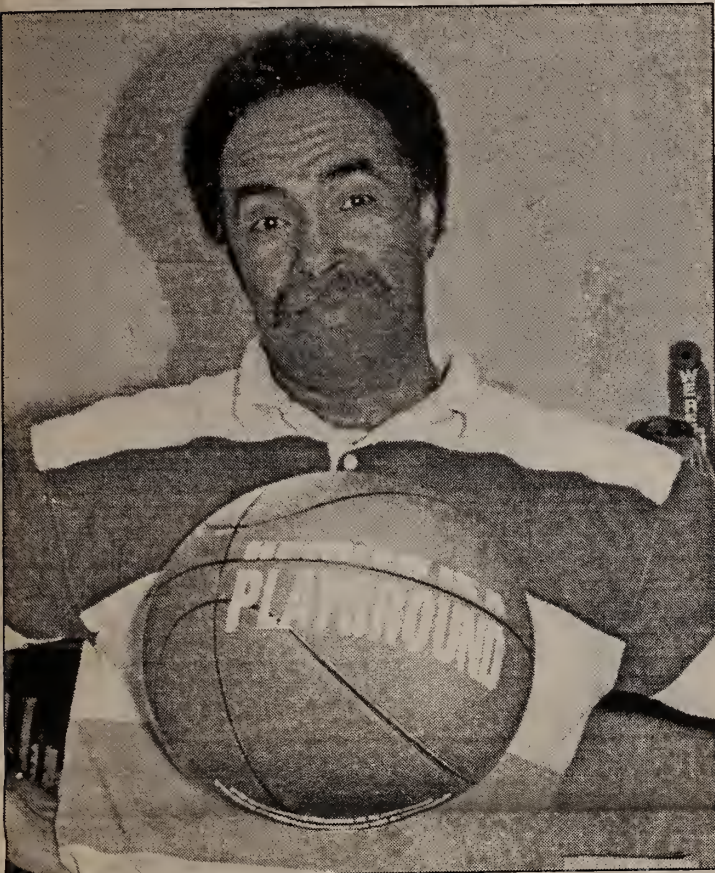
I had a young family and other commitments and didn't have unlimited time to spend coaching college sports."

At the time, the soccer season started in October and ended in November. Now it starts in August and lasts most of the school year.

Shadd said even though the soccer season is longer, his time is more flexible now.

He tries to spend more time with his wife and three children.

"It's pay-back time for the support my family gave me."



LOOK NO HANDS — Duane Shadd, approaching 20 years of service at Conestoga, displays a memento he has collected over the years.
(Photo by Ross McDermott)

Robotics and automation students get southern exposure in Atlanta

Windsor company sends students south for work-term

By Pat Craton

Six Conestoga students from the robotics and automation department got a boost to their work experience during the Christmas break working in Atlanta for CIS Robotics of Windsor.

Linda Hart of the student employment, co-op education and alumni office, said the six students, Selcuk Akgol, Ries Dirksen, Charles Martin, Wes Sauder, Jason Wheeler and Filip Urbaniak are all second-year students in the mechanical engineering technology robotics and automation department, the only co-op program at Conestoga.

Hart said she was contacted last November by Doug Watson, a recruiter for CIS Robotics and a graduate of Conestoga.

Initially, Watson called to enquire about hiring students for the Fall of '97, but two weeks after the call, he called again to enquire about hiring six students for two weeks over the Christmas break. Hart said the students were then informed of the opportunities available, and those interested were asked to submit resumes.

On Dec. 18, Watson came to the

Doon campus and interviewed 13 students and hired six that day. The six were off to Atlanta the next day for two days of training at the Windsor plant.

They flew to Atlanta on Dec. 21 and stayed there till Dec. 24. They returned to Canada for the Christmas holidays and returned to Atlanta on Dec. 26 where they worked until Jan. 6.

The students' air fares and accommodations were paid for by the company. In addition, they each received a food and telephone allowance and an hourly wage.

Hart said the six students worked 10 to 14 hours a day at a Chrysler plant in Atlanta which is a client of CIS Robotics.

The six worked with high-tech robots; they were certainly more sophisticated than any the students have ever been exposed to before, said Hart.

CIS Robotics was impressed with the quality of the students' work and offers were made to five for the winter work term.

As all but one already had jobs, Charles Martin was the only student to take up one of the offers.

Martin, Hart said, is enjoying his

work term in Atlanta. He is actually moving about from plant to plant and is having a variety of work experiences.

Hart said this is the first time CIS Robotics has hired students from Conestoga. She was thrilled to hear from the company as the student employment office usually concentrates on companies within the tri-city area, Milton and Mississauga. Windsor is not one of the search areas.

On the whole, most students find jobs for their work term, except for one or two, said Hart. "This is not necessarily because there are no opportunities but because the students do not have enough money to relocate and local positions have all been filled." Hart said there are many opportunities in robotics and automation, it is just a matter of having the means to relocate.

CIS Robotics has indicated that it will become a regular employer of Conestoga graduates. About 10 to 20 students might be recruited for this coming fall.

Hart said the six students were excited about the Christmas work opportunity and all felt it to be a valuable experience.

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STUDENT LIFE

Laurier students enjoy working at Conestoga

By Tim Kylie

Working at Conestoga provides career-related experience and opportunities, said two master of social work students from Wilfrid Laurier University.

Michelle Boismier and Jo Anne Watton said they chose Conestoga for their practicum placement because of the variety of programming work it offered.

Both students are in the second semester of the community development and social planning stream of their two-year degree.

Their placement, in academic assessment and special projects, began in January and goes until April. They will participate in another four-month placement beginning in September.

Boismier and Watton said they are working on "everything" and are kept busy.

The two students are working on the curriculum of the career-development-practitioner program, Boismier said. They are helping to establish a distance-education format.

They are also involved in setting up a possible collaboration between Conestoga, WLU, the



Michelle Boismier

University of Waterloo and the University of Guelph for delivering the career-development-practitioner program as a joint college-university program.

Boismier went to a community college open house at York University to promote and market the program Feb. 10.

Watton talked about another program for which the two are looking for funding possibilities. A



Jo Anne Watton

pilot violence-prevention and intervention program for local communities could be administered by Conestoga through distance education.

"The program would be really innovative because it would have a real community focus," Watton said.

She said, for example, people in Woodstock might get involved in the program and they would be

given some degree of ownership so that it would be "more of a grassroots type of program as opposed to institutional."

Boismier and Watton are involved in another collaboration involving post-secondary students.

They are assisting in bringing a group of students from Khon Kan University in Thailand to the University of Guelph in April.

Five Thai students, participating in a similar collaboration, studied at UW for eight months starting last April before going to the University of Guelph.

The Canadian International Development Agency is also involved in bringing the Thai students over to Canada, Watton said.

In addition to these responsibilities, Boismier and Watton are helping to draft a position paper

on women's issues in training and education for the local training-adjustment board.

"Those are the big things," Boismier said with a laugh.

"We're very busy," Watton said.

Watton isn't sure exactly what she will do after she completes her degree, but she wants to be involved in community-development work here or in her native Newfoundland.

Boismier said she is keeping her options open. She is interested in adult education as well as working with people with disabilities, along with other community-development options that she may pursue.

"It's been 'busy, it's been fast-paced and exhilarating," Watton said.

"We're doing something different every day."

Correctional employment changes may alter career choice for student

By Lynn Jackson

Changes in the provincial corrections employment procedures may mean no work for some special-needs students, said Conestoga student Ricardo Enriquez.

Enriquez, 52, a second-year law and security administration student who has chronic tendinitis in both his arms, said he may not be able to find employment in correctional services here in Ontario due to his disability.

Enriquez said the changes made to employment procedures in corrections now include passing a mandatory physical, something he would not be able to do.

He said before the changes there were many jobs that could be done that didn't require a physical, such as casual and part-time work.

Some of these jobs included the ones that rely on more verbal and

psychological skills, such as teaching of life skills.

The changes, which came into effect a few months ago, now include a six-week, in-house training session, said Enriquez.

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*Ricardo Enriquez,
second-year LASA student*

Although the training session used to be free, now it costs \$3,000, said Enriquez.

"Workers are now hired on a six-month basis. If you don't perform to expectations then you're out,

and out \$3,000 too," say Enriquez.

Enriquez said for now he'll stay and finish the year, but eventually he has "no other choice" but to go into another field.

"The teachers are so encouraging, but in reality I don't see a light at the end of the tunnel," says Enriquez.

He says classmates and his neighbor help him out with the typing required for his courses, and he is allowed to use a tape recorder in class.

Also, for tests, Enriquez gets extra time and is allowed a proctor who helps him write tests.

"Sometimes encouragement from special-needs and instructors is all that keeps you going. If I didn't have that kind of help, I would have dropped out a long time ago," says Enriquez.

Enriquez said he plans to "just take it from day to day."



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SPORTS

Condors win second home game of the year

By Peggy Sue Ironside

Conestoga won, 7-3, against the visiting Seneca Braves in the Feb. 19 hockey game.

Condor goaltender Devin Steubing held the Braves scoreless in the first period.

Scoring the first goal of the game, 3:32 minutes into the second period, Seneca forward Scott Sullivan made the score 1-0.

Conestoga wrapped up the second period with three goals scored within two and a half minutes of

each other, to make the score 3-1.

Condor forward Trevor Uhrig scored Conestoga's first goal 11 minutes into the second period, assisted by forwards Chris Palubeski and Mike Hodgert, tying the game 1-1.

Conestoga forward Wade Gowers scored the Condor's second and third goals, less than a minute and a half apart, making the score 3-1.

Assisting Gower on the second goal were defenceman Dale Henry and forward Trevor Uhrig, while

forwards Jeff Schmidt and Chris Palubeski assisted Gowers on the third goal.

Halfway through the period, Conestoga coach Tony Martindale put Condor goaltender Darryl Whyte in the net.

With 6:24 left in the second period, Condor forward Shawn Dietrich, who sat out five weeks with shoulder injuries, received two minutes for roughing, five minutes for fighting and a game misconduct.

At the same time as Dietrich,

Seneca forward Kyle Basset also received two minutes for cross-checking and five minutes for fighting and a game misconduct.

Early in the third period, Seneca forward Owen Davis scored, 20 seconds into the period, making the score 3-2.

After the second Seneca goal, Conestoga cleaned house with an additional four game goals of their own.

Condor forward Mike Hodgert scored less than seven minutes into the third period, assisted by forward Jeff Schmidt and defenceman Jeff White, making the score 4-2.

Three minutes later, Hodgert scored again, assisted by forward Trevor Uhrig, bringing the count

to 5-2.

With less than six minutes left on the clock, Condor forward Trevor Uhrig scored Conestoga's sixth goal of the evening, his second goal of the evening, assisted by forward Chris Palubeski and defenceman Jason Snyder, making the score 6-2.

In the last two minutes of the game, forward Jeff Schmidt scored Conestoga's final goal, assisted by defenceman Jeff White, making the score 7-2 for Conestoga.

Receiving 10 minute misconducts in the third period were Condor forward Wade Gowers and Brave forward James Coleman.

The game had a total of 64 minutes in penalties.



NO GOAL — Seneca Braves goaltender Sam Pacini makes a glove save, during a 7-2 loss to the Condors at the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre on Feb. 19. (Photo by Rick Kew)

Condors coach says players were 'hungry' in recent win

By Peggy Sue Ironside

The Condors were "hungry" for the puck when they played against the visiting Seneca Braves on Feb. 19, said the Conestoga coach.

Tony Martindale said the hockey game was probably one of the best games the Condors played this year.

"We had a good game," he said. "We scored five goals in the third and that's what counts. You've got to score to win."

Martindale said he thought the Condors got stronger, creating more opportunities, as the game gained momentum.

He said playing a team game is a process that "doesn't happen overnight."

"I think it's taken us quite a while, but we're starting to come together as a team."

The Condor team captain Jeff White showed leadership in the third period when he walked away from being decked in the head by Seneca captain Rob Reeve.

Martindale said the captain has to be a leader and has to set an example by not taking foolish penalties.

"We've talked to Jeff about that," Martindale said. "And he's stayed out of the penalty box all year."

Martindale said he thought another factor that helped Conestoga win the game was having four lines to Seneca's three.

"I think they looked really tired at the end of the game." He said

the Seneca players were going out every other shift and that combined with killing penalties tired their team quickly.

About the game, Martindale said the Condors finally got a few breaks. He said Conestoga was forechecking well and played an aggressive game.

"Things just seemed to come together for us," he said.

Martindale said the biggest problem the Condors have faced this year has been scoring goals on the opposition.

"It was nice to score a lot of goals."

With less than seven minutes left in the second period, Condor forward Shawn Dietrich, received a two minute penalty for roughing, a five minute penalty for fighting and a game misconduct.

Martindale said Dietrich was hit from behind by Seneca forward Kyle Basset and the referees should have called an automatic game ejection against the Braves.

When that didn't happen, Dietrich got up and he squared off with Basset.

Martindale said Dietrich took quite a few punches and was a little sore after the game, but he didn't back off from the larger Seneca player.

It was Dietrich's first game back after being out for five weeks with a shoulder injury, Martindale said.

A 10 minute misconduct for both teams came in the third period when Condor forward Wade

Gowers slugged it out with Seneca forward James Coleman.

Martindale said Gowers should have skated away from the fight. He said Gowers had played a good game, scoring two goals in the second period.

"It would have been nice to have him in there with the other two guys that scored two goals," Martindale said. "And have them try to get their hat trick."

Martindale said he told the two Condor goaltenders, Darryl Whyte and Devin Steubing, he was going to split the game between them.

Steubing played for the first half and Whyte took over in the middle of the second period.

Martindale said Steubing started last year as the number one goalie and is skilled in the position, but Whyte's experience playing with the Kitchener Rangers, a junior A team, makes him the goaltender to go with in the national play-offs.

Both goaltenders played well against the Braves, he said.

Martindale said the Condors felt good after winning the game.

He said the game was the fourth win of the year for Conestoga, the team having won two home games and two road games.

Martindale said the team wanted to follow the win with another good effort against Seneca when Conestoga visited them Feb. 28.

He said the Condors are getting ready for the nationals, March 20 and 21, at Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre.

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DSA ELECTIONS

Student affairs candidates vie for votes

By Trish Jackson

Three students competing for the DSA's vice-president of student affairs position gave their campaign speeches to about 150 students in the Sanctuary Feb. 20.

Gerry Cleaves and Thomas Muller, both first-year business-administration management studies students, and Salman Tahir, a first-year business-administration accounting student, spoke about their qualifications for the job and their plans if elected.

Cleaves gave the first speech, moving around the stage with the microphone, using props and getting a few laughs from the crowd.

Brandishing a bottle of Buckley's cough medicine, Cleaves told students his cold and accompanying gravelly voice was acquired during his participation in the polar plunge, which was the day he decided to run for the DSA position.

"That day really changed my life," he said.

Current president April-Dawn Blackwell and current vice-president of student affairs Bev Cutone, he said, encouraged him to run for vice-president of student affairs because he was so enthusiastic about DSA activities.

Cleaves encourages doing things "differently", which he said is why he used a picture of himself at six years old on his campaign poster.

"Energy is contagious, and I've got way too much energy to sit around until 2:30 and then climb on the Internet or watch whatever's on TV. I want to be here and I want to be working for this school."

In concluding his speech, while holding up a small puzzle-piece, Cleaves said, "This is me. Let me complete the puzzle."

Muller read a prepared speech from the podium which focused on specific goals and duties.

He said his goal was to inform students about health and social



THREE OF A KIND — Candidates for the DSA's vice-president of student affairs contemplate the campaign speeches they are about to make. The candidates, from left, are Salman Tahir, Thomas Muller and Gerry Cleaves.

(Photo by Jennifer Dougall)

issues which affect the lives of students, including racial and sexual issues.

He said he also plans to work with Kitchener-Waterloo Transit to provide bus-pass sales to students.

Muller said his responsibility as vice-president of student affairs would include to administer and change as necessary the student drug plan service and make it more efficient and accessible by providing greater awareness of the service, due dates for opt out and information of what is included in the coverage.

He also said he would like to start a calculator loan-out program for students needing them for exams.

In his speech, Muller told stu-

dents about his background with public relations and organization skills which would prepare him for the DSA position. Muller has worked with the Kitchener Downtown Business Association, he is a volunteer with the Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest school's committee and has been a DSA promotions assistant.

Muller closed his speech saying, "Things well done are better than things well said."

Tahir, the third candidate, in a short prepared speech, emphasized his desire to have the student body play a bigger part in DSA decision-making.

"I do not want the decisions made by the DSA to be the deci-

sions of the few heads sitting there. I want the decisions to be taken by the students of Conestoga College."

He said he wanted to make students aware of issues needing decisions through Spoke and class representatives because, "it is your time, your money, your future."

In a question period following the speeches, first-year business-administration management studies student Robbie Evans asked what each candidate plans to do to get more students involved in social activities.

Muller said he felt the problem was not in promotion but in lack of volunteers for class representatives who act as the bridge between stu-

dents and the DSA.

Cleaves said it was vital to get more involvement of the 200 students living at the Rodeway Suites residence, who would in turn tell other classmates about events.

Voting for the vice-president of student affairs took place between Feb. 24 and 27.

Blackwell, Kroeker and future vice-president of operations Johanna Stevens also spoke to the students.

Blackwell thanked students for their support over the past year and welcomed the new president Chris Kroeker.

Kroeker, who takes over the position May 1, said his goals for the new year include promotion of peer tutoring and furthering communication between students, faculty and administration.

He hopes to encourage more students to become class representatives and volunteers.

"Getting involved is the key and it will help run this organization and make this school a completely better place."

Johanna Stevens, the new vice-president of operations and a first-year business-administration management studies program student, described her responsibilities to students: keeping the DSA organized, signing cheques for the drug plan, filling in for the president in his absence, negotiating contracts for internal and external media as well as being a part of several committees.

"I will do the job to the best of my ability. And with the help of everyone, we can make next year our most successful year ever," she said.

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